

### ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a restaurant automation system with greater efficiencies for the restaurant owner and greater ease for the diner through the use of wireless  
5 electronic menus with which the individual diner can communicate an order to the central server which communicates to a kitchen display, and receives a message when order preparation has begun; the central server being also in communication with a payment station, which  
10 generates a bill at the direction of the diner.